



Eighteen Students Inducted Into First Breckinridge Co. ATC National Technical Honor Society



Front row (l-r): Katie Taylor, Kayla Hinton, Brittany Ciukaj, Abbie Morsey, Kristi Reeves, Dana Lucas, Barbara Jean Burnette, Sarah Bailey, and Carrie Himmelhaver

Back row (l-r): OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis Carter, Christina Willis, Brian Whitworth, Lauren Smallwood, Andrew Roller, Carl Hill, Adam Hicks, Bryce McHolan, Aaron Eskridge, Brent Stinnett, Mr. Kenny Whitworth (), and Breckinridge Co. ATC Principal James Carroll.

Eighteen Breckinridge Co. ATC students were recognized during the school's first National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Induction Ceremony on January 31, 2007. The ceremony was held in the Breckinridge Co. H.S. auditorium. Breckinridge Co. ATC Principal James Carroll, Office Technology Instructor Janet Macy and Machine Tool Technology Instructor Dean Monarch serve as the school's official NTHS advisors; however, the whole initiative is supported by the entire faculty and staff.



Photo at left, front row (l to r): Hancock Co. Health Sciences Instructor Bridget Shartzter, Hancock Co. Information Technology Instructor Bradley Goodall, BCATC Office Technology Instructor Loraine Himmelhaver, Health Sciences Instructor Debbie Gray, and Office Technology Instructor Janet Macy. Back row (l to r): BCATC Principal James Carroll, Automotive Technology Instructor Richard Anthony, Machine Tool Technology Instructor Tom Thompson, Welding Instructor Chris Basham, Carpentry Instructor Joe Stinnett, Machine Tool Technology Instructor Dean Monarch, and OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis Carter.

NTHS is a national organization that acknowledges the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education.

“From our perspective, we see NTHS as an opportunity to showcase the great students we have here at BCATC on a local, state and national level. I am grateful for the time, effort and energy my faculty and staff have put into this worthy program because of its impact on our students,” says BCATC Principal James Carroll. “We are lucky to be a part of a school that the community supports so strongly. Most of our students take classes here because their parents view our programs such high regard. And, our local school district has been extremely positive in supporting this endeavor. It has been valuable to everyone involved.”

“We feel that it is important for our students to receive the same recognition as other technical students across the country,” says Office Technology Instructor and NTHS Advisor Janet S. Macy. “In addition, we want them to have as many opportunities for obtaining scholarships as possible.”

The Breckinridge Co. ATC NTHS committee has established the following criteria for a student to become inducted into the NTHS:



- Must have and maintain a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.25 GPA in technical program



- Must be on track to be a completer in the program
- Must have at least 10 community service hours to be accepted
- Must perform 10 hours of community service during the school year
- Must perform 10 hours of community service during the summer
 - Must submit a high school transcript
 - Must have a faculty recommendation

BCATC Principal James Carroll welcomed everyone to the ceremony and relayed the criteria a student must meet in order to be inducted as a member. He also sited the benefits of becoming a member of the NTHS. (For additional information on benefits, please click on the following website:

<http://www.nths.org/About/Benefits.asp>

For additional information about the NTHS and how your ATC can become a member, please visit

<http://www.nths.org/RecognizeStudents.asp>

Photo at right: Mr. James Carroll



Machine Tool Technology Student Brent Stinnett was elected as the first Breckinridge Co. ATC NTHS president and had this to say about his technical program and the office he currently holds, “I think it’s wonderful to have a local honor society because of our strong vocational values. I have thoroughly enjoyed the machine tool technology program and it has given me the machining background that I’ll need to further my education. I have great teachers and they have helped me develop the skills I’ll need to be successful.”

Stinnett plans to attend Murray State University upon graduation and major in Graphic and Design Engineering.

“I’ve always been a firm believer in vocational technical education and I wanted my son’s to learn a skill,” says BCATC Carpentry Instructor Joe Stinnett – who is also Brent’s father. “Having a son who is the first president of our local NTHS is something that gives both his mother and I great pleasure. We are proud of him and what he has accomplished.”

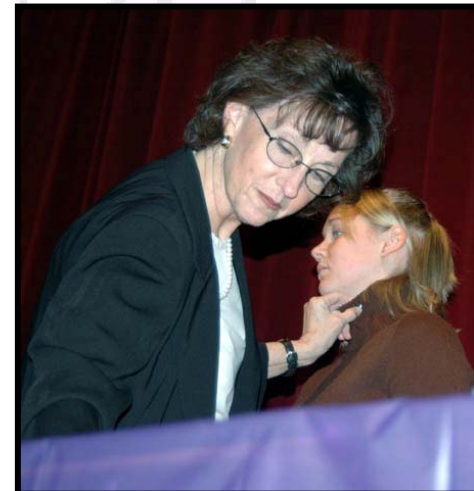


Brent during candle lighting ceremony



Photo at left: NTHS Advisor Dean Monarch lights the white candle which represents the “light of knowledge.”

At right: Health Sciences Instructor Debbie Gray pins Health Sciences Student Sarah Bailey.



At left: Stinnett receives his pin from Machine Tool Technology Instructor Tom Thompson.



Photo above: Office Technology Instructor Loraine Himmelhaver officially “pins” her daughter Carrie during the ceremony.

Photo below: Health Sciences Instructor Debbie Gray, Student Brittany Ciukaj and Norma Fentress (mother of Brittany)



“I couldn’t believe that NTHS has been around for over 20 years and our school just now started its first chapter,” says Accounting and Finance Technology and Office Technology Instructor Loraine Himmelhaver. “Students in career and technical education deserve this recognition and the opportunities that are available by being a member. If your school does not have a chapter, I encourage you to do this for your **OUTSTANDING** students!”

“I was very proud to be inducted as Vice President of the Breckinridge County ATC chapter of NTHS,” said Office Technology Student Carrie Himmelhaver (daughter of Loraine Himmelhaver). “I promise to be a positive image for career and technical education, and I am grateful for the opportunities that I will have by being a member of this prestigious organization.”

Kentucky Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) President Brittany Ciukaj is under the direction of Health Sciences Instructor Debbie Gray and was also inducted into the NTHS. Brittany’s mother, Norma Fentress said, “I’m very proud of my daughter. She has learned so much in terms of skills in technical education at the BCATC. Mrs. Gray has been an outstanding influence in her life. “

Ciukaj plans to attend Murray State University and major in nursing.



Photo (l to r): BCATC Machine Technology Instructor Dean Monarch and Mr. Kenny Whitworth.

In addition to recognizing the eighteen students who met the BCATC NTHS criteria, Kenny Whitworth, a former student, teacher and now successful businessman; was inducted as BCATC's first honorary member. He also gave the "*Invocation*" for the program.

"It was great to have a chance to honor Kenny for all the outstanding contributions he has made and continues to make for our school," said Machine Tool Technology Instructor Dean Monarch. "As a former student of this school, he understands the value of technical education and its place in the workforce. As a teacher, he expected the best from his students by teaching them the skills they needed to succeed and instilled in them what it takes to have a good work ethic. As my former employer, he set a benchmark for excellence that has helped him develop an extremely successful business. Based on all of his experiences, he has always known how

to get the best out of every student and our BCATC NTHS is another avenue for students to be recognized for outstanding achievement. It's because of these contributions and his love for vocational technical education that we unanimously voted to induct him as our very first "*honorary member.*"

Top Photo: Machine Tool Technology Student Brian Whitworth accepts a blue ribbon from OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis Carter as Principal James Carroll watches.

“This type of program provides career and technical education students with the recognition they deserve and I am deeply impressed with the level of commitment that this staff has for their students and what they have achieved,” says OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis Carter. “In today’s world, it takes these types of extra efforts to help our students become the individuals they are capable of becoming and it takes a dedicated staff to help ensure that type of success. This was an outstanding event.”

Bottom right photo: Lewis Carter shakes the hand of Breckinridge Co. Assistant Superintendent Richard Butler.



**Photo at left:
Breckinridge Co.
ATC Aide Roberta
Sosh and
Administrative
Secretary Sarah
Johnson were
both heavily
involved in the
planning and
coordination of the
NTHS reception.
Their efforts were
appreciated by all
the recipients and
guests.**



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